

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

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Application No. 09/883,963

Group Art Unit: 2635

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Examiner: Shimizu, M.

For: SECURE SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE UNLOCKING OF AT LEAST
ONE MOTOR VEHICLEW OPENING PANEL

September 14, 2004

AGENDA FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEWMail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

This confirms the scheduling of a personal interview prior to September 16, 2004.

Applicants await the Examiner's proposal for the exact date and time of the interview.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants propose the following informal agenda for the interview. The following is presented for convenience purposes only, and does not constitute a formal response to the outstanding final Office Action. The informal agenda should not be considered limiting or binding upon Applicants.

Claims for Discussion

Applicants propose that at least claims 12 and 24 be discussed at the interview.

Claim Language

Applicants intend to focus on the following language of claim 12 during the personal interview:

vehicle de-spreading means (6, 7, 8) for de-spreading a response signal received unless a pseudo-random code carried by the response signal is not synchronized in substantial correlation with a corresponding pseudo-random code stored in the vehicle memory means (7) by a shift less than required for an intermediate transmission means to intercept and retransmit a response signal, and for verifying whether the received signal carries a signature of a user transmission means

user de-spreading means (12, 13, 14) for de-spreading the transmission signal received unless the pseudo-random code carried by the interrogation signal is not synchronized in substantial correlation with the corresponding pseudo-random code stored in the user memory means (13) by a shift less than required for an intermediate transmission means to intercept and retransmit the interrogation signal

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that this claim language cannot be read in a vacuum. Instead, the above claim language should be considered in conjunction with the remaining elements and limitations of claim 12 as a whole. Applicants also may make reference to page 5, line 30 to page 7, line 20.

Claim Amendments

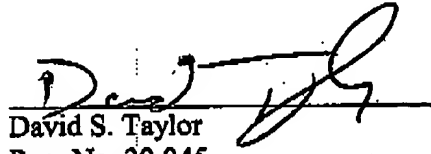
No claim amendments are to be proposed at this time. Applicants would like to discuss the minor amendment to claim 12 presented in the July 16, 2004 response. In that response, claim 12 was amended to address antecedent basis by changing "the" to --a--.

Cited Documents

Applicants intend to discuss Lambropoulos (U.S. Patent No. 5,736,935) and Yamamoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,479,442), which were cited under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in support of the sole remaining rejection of record.

Applicants ask the Examiner to call immediately with the proposed date and time for the interview.

Respectfully submitted,


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Agenda for Personal Interview Attached.